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HOA LAC AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
2101N 10530E
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE RECENTLY COMPLETED RESURFACING OF THE MAIN RUNWAY, WITH PROBABLE RESURFACING OF THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY IN PROGRESS.

2. LOCATION:

1.4 NM WNW OF HOA LAC AND 6.3 NM SOUTH OF SON TAY.

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OBTAINED SUBSEQUENT TO THE LIMITED BOMBING HALT OF 1 APRIL 1968 HAS REVEALED A MAJOR EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REPAIR AND IMPROVE THEIR AIRFIELDS. INTERMITTENT CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT HOA LAC AIRFIELD SINCE THE LIMITED BOMBING HALT. THE PIERCED STEEL PLANKING (PSP) SURFACE MATERIAL ON THE RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY WAS REMOVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE AIRSTRIKES OF APRIL 1967. PHOTOGRAPHY OF JANUARY 1969 REVEALED A TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANE MOVING AND STACKING UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL ALONG THE MAIN RUNWAY EDGE.

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THE MAIN (NW/SE) RUNWAY HAS BEEN RESURFACED WITH PROBABLE PSP. A CENTER SECTION OF THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY IS APPARENTLY BEING RESURFACED WITH PROBABLE PSP.

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POSSIBLE PSP SECTIONS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE EDGE OF THE TAXIWAY. NEW RUNWAY MARKINGS ARE OBSERVED ON THE MAIN RUNWAY AND ON THE SECONDARY (EW) CONCRETE RUNWAY. THE NATURAL SURFACE (CONVERTED TAXIWAY) RUNWAY REMAINS UNCHANGED.

AOB: 1 FISHBED
3 FRESCO
1 PROBABLE FAGOT
1 COLT

5. REMARKS:

HOA LAC IS NOW THE ONLY AIRFIELD IN NORTH VIETNAM WITH THREE SERVICEABLE RUNWAYS TWO OF WHICH ARE ALL WEATHER (ONE CONCRETE AND ONE PSP). HOA LAC IS THE SECOND AIRFIELD TO EMPLOY PSP AS A SURFACING MATERIAL SINCE [REDACTED] THE FIRST AIRFIELD TO USE PSP WAS BAI THUONG [REDACTED] THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TREND OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REPAIR AND IMPROVE THEIR AIRFIELDS [REDACTED]

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